

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Patent Office for the careful attention accorded this Application and respectfully request reconsideration in view of the Amendment above and remarks set forth below.

In response to the Office Action mailed February 17, 2009, Applicant has canceled Claim 112 without prejudice or disclaimer, and amended Claims 98-101, 103, 106, 107, 109, 111, 113 and 115 to improve the form of the Claims, and avoid any basis for rejection under 35 USC 112. Applicant reserves the right to file one or more continuation applications based on the canceled claims.

Applicant has recently allowed prior US Application No. 09/716,848 to go abandoned without prejudice or disclaimer.

Applicant also hereby submits a Terminal Disclaimer to overcome the obviousness-type double patenting rejection in view of copending Application Nos. 11/804,769; 10/876,261; 10/812,341; 10/059,078; 10/602,990; 11/823,828; 10/059,076; and 09/695,744. Applicant has expressly abandoned US Application Nos. 10/693,856 and 09/716,848.

In view of the above, Applicant firmly believes that the present invention defined by amended Claims 98-111 and 113-115 is neither anticipated by, nor rendered obvious in view of the prior art of record, and that the present Application is now in condition for allowance.

Favorable action is earnestly solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiencies or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account 16-1340.

Respectfully submitted,



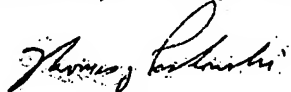
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